## Machinable Parcels

Related QSG: 050, 710, 720

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Guide

Eligibility Overview (E600, E700) Machinable parcels must qualify under applicable standards for Standard Mail, Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, or Library Mail. Machinable parcels also must meet dimension standards in C050 to be sorted on USPS parcel sorting equipment. For Parcel Post, see Quick Service Guide 710.

Rates and Fees (R600, R700)

For Standard Mail rates, see R600.

Residual Shape Surcharge: for Presorted Standard Mail parcels, add \$0.23 (E610.5.5).

See R700.2 for Bound Printed Matter, R700.3 for Media Mail, and R700.4 for Library Mail rates. Postage discounts are available for Standard Mail and some Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, and Library Mail rates if mail meets additional standards for volume, presort, and destination entry.

No destination entry discounts are available for Media Mail or Library Mail.

Barcoded discount: \$0.03 per piece. For eligibility, see Standard Mail (E620.4), Bound Printed Matter (E712.2), Media Mail E713.2), or Library Mail (E714.2).

Separate annual fee (\$150.00) is required for destination entry Bound Printed Matter.

Addressing (A010) Each piece must include complete delivery and return addresses with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code. Standard Mail or Bound Printed Matter with no ancillary service endorsements or special services are not required to have a return address.

For Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, Library Mail, and Standard Mail barcoded discount, each piece must meet the standards in C850.

Characteristics and Content

Minimum weight: 6 ounces.

Standard Mail: maximum weight is less than 16 ounces.

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Bound Printed Matter: maximum weight is 15 pounds.

Media Mail and Library Mail: maximum weight is 35 pounds (25 pounds for books and other printed matter).

Dimensions: 6 to 34 inches long, 3 to 17 inches high, and 1/4 to 17 inches thick. Pieces 1/4 inch thick must be at least 3-1/2 inches high.

Regardless of weight, a parcel that meets any of the criteria in C700.2 is not machinable.

**Deposit** (D600, D700)

Single-piece Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, and Library Mail with complete postage affixed: in any collection box or post office.

Presorted: at post office where permit or license held.

Destination entry mail must be deposited as specified by standards for rate claimed.

Mail Preparation and Sortation

Single-piece: Bound Printed Matter, Media Mail, and Library Mail none.

Preparation and labeling (presorted) on reverse. Mail must be prepared and marked under applicable standards for Presorted Standard Mail (M610.5), Presorted Bound Printed Matter (M722.5), Media Mail (M730.4), or Library Mail (M740.4) machinable parcel preparation. For pallet preparation, see M045.

Postage and Payment Methods (P600, P700) Adhesive stamp (single-piece rate only) (P022), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

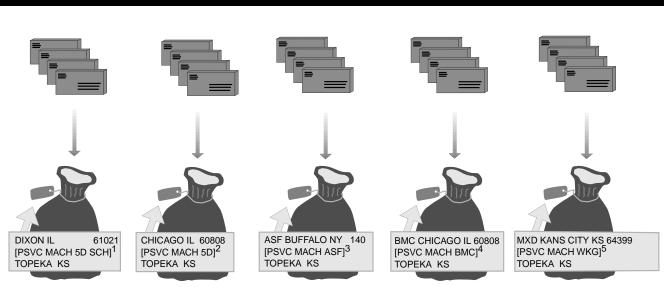
Special Services (\$900)

See Quick Service Guide 900. Machinable parcels using Bulk Parcel Return Service are not eligible for any special service.

This guide is an overview only. For the specific DMM standards applicable to this category of mail, consult the DMM sections referenced above and the general sections within each DMM module.

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## **Sacking Sequence**



#### 5-Digit Scheme

#### STANDARD MAIL

**Sacks:** Optional; minimum 10 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.<sup>6</sup>

Labels: For Line 1, use L606, Column B.

## BOUND PRINTED MATTER, MEDIA MAIL, AND LIBRARY MAIL

Sacks: Optional; minimum 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L606, Column B.

## 5-Digit

## STANDARD MAIL

Sacks: Optional; minimum 10 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.6

**Labels:** For Line 1, use 5-digit destination of mail.

## BOUND PRINTED MATTER, MEDIA MAIL, AND LIBRARY MAIL

Sacks: Required; minimum 10 addressed pieces, 20 pounds, or 1,000 cubic inches for Media or Library Mail. Smaller volumes not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use 5-digit destination of mail.

## **ASF**

## STANDARD MAIL

Sacks: Optional; minimum 10 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted. Allowed only for mail deposited at an ASF to claim DBMC rates.

Labels: For Line 1, use L602.7

# BOUND PRINTED MATTER

Sacks: Optional; minimum 10 addressed pieces or 20 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted. Allowed only for Bound Printed Matter pieces deposited at an ASF to claim the DBMC rate.

**Labels:** For Line 1, use L602.<sup>7</sup>

### **BMC**

### STANDARD MAIL

Sacks: Required; minimum 10 pounds, smaller volumes not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L601, Column B.<sup>7</sup>

## BOUND PRINTED MATTER, MEDIA MAIL, AND LIBRARY MAIL

Sacks: Required; minimum 10 addressed pieces, 20 pounds, or 1,000 cubic inches for Media or Library Mail. Smaller volumes not permitted.

Labels: For Line 1, use L601, Column B.<sup>7</sup>

### Mixed BMC

## STANDARD MAIL

**Sacks:** Required, no minimum.

Labels: For Line 1, "MXD" followed by the information in L601, Column B for the BMC serving the 3-digit ZIP Code prefix of the entry post office.

## BOUND PRINTED MATTER, MEDIA MAIL, AND LIBRARY MAIL

**Sacks:** Required, no minimum.

Labels: For Line 1, "MXD" followed by the information in L601, Column B for the BMC serving the 3-digit ZIP Code prefix of the entry post office.

- 1. Use "STD MACH 5D SCH" for Standard Mail.
- 2. Use "STD MACH 5D" for Standard Mail.
- 3. Use "STD MACH ASF" for Standard Mail.
- 4. Use "STD MACH BMC" for Standard Mail.
- 5. Use "STD MACH WKG" for Standard Mail.
- 6. To claim the 3/5 rate, every possible 5-digit sack must be prepared.
- 7. DBMC rate eligibility is determined by E650 for Standard Mail and E752 for Bound Printed Matter.